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MADERA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIPT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

Agrees to 15 Years and Eight Months in Prison

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that ROBERT BOREL, 48, of Madera, Calif., pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill to one count of receipt of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. As part of his plea agreement, the defendant agreed to a prison term of 188 months (15 years, 8 months) and a lifetime term of supervised release.

This case is the result of a joint investigation by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Madera Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney David Gappa, who is prosecuting the case, BOREL was arrested on August 15, 2008, as part of Operation Valley Predator II, a month-long, multi-agency effort that primarily targeted individuals who had been convicted for offenses involving the sexual exploitation of minors. The operation has resulted in the indictment of 17 individuals thus far. This prosecution is part of the ongoing Department of Justice program Project Safe Childhood. For more about this initiative, visit www.usdoj.gov/usao/cae/psc.

BOREL admitted that from approximately August 2005 through June 2008 he used two separate computers to receive and possess more than 600 images of child pornography. Some of the images were of prepubescent children, and some depicted violence or sadistic abuse. He also admitted that he had engaged in a pattern of sexual abuse or exploitation of one or more minors. He agreed to forfeit a computer used to commit the offense.

BOREL has been detained as a flight risk and danger to the community since his initial appearance in federal court on August 15, 2008. The court scheduled BOREL's sentencing for January 23, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

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